

The Great Lakes - St. Lawrence Seaway System Le réseau Grands Lacs - Voie maritime du Saint Laurent

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Re: SEAWAY RADIO MESSAGE NO. 1 OF 2024

This is the first Radio Message for the opening of the 2024 navigation season.

The Montreal/Lake Ontario section will be open to navigation tomorrow, March 22nd at 0800 hours. The Welland Canal will be open to navigation tomorrow, **March 22th at 0800 hours.**

Details on the maximum permissible drafts for both the Montreal-Lake Ontario Section and the Welland Canal are available in Seaway Notice no.2 of 2024.

MONTREAL-LAKE ONTARIO SECTION

The Montreal-Lake Ontario Section is open water; further details are available through the local Traffic Control Centres.

Navigation may be restricted until the commissioning of lighted aids has been completed. Mariners are warned to exercise extreme caution in the use of winter markers as the position of the markers may have been affected by ice. Further information concerning this is available from the appropriate traffic control centre.

The Prescott-Ogdensburg ice boom A and Galop ice boom G have been removed from the navigation channel.

WELLAND CANAL

The Welland Canal and Lake Erie are open water.

This radio message is the first and last for the opening navigation season of 2024.

March 21, 2024

Vice-President, External Relations

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